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1. JEUNE AFRIQUE ARTICLE CAME AS COMPLETE SURPRISE TO DIRECTOR CIVIL AVIATION REMY WRIGHT, WHO TOLD EMBASSY GOSL HAS NOT HAD ANY CONTACT HE AWARE OF WITH GOL OR GOG ON SUBJECT JOINT AIRLINE. WHILE GOSL GENERALLY RECEPTIVE TO REGIONAL COOPERATION SCHEMES, HE PERSONALLY

WOULD BE LESS THAN ENTHP IASTIC ABOUT PROSPECT JOINT AIRLINE BECAUSE OF NON-CONVERTIBILITY GUINEAN CURRENCY, LIBERIAN AIRLINE'S LACK OF PROFITABILITY, AND INCOMPATIBILITY OF THREE COUNTRIES AIRCRAFT. SOME FORM OF COOPERATION ON INTERNATIONAL SERVICE BETWEEN THREE CAPITALS HAS ITS ATTRACTIONS, BUT HE DEFINITELY WOULD NOT LIKE TO GET INVOLVED IN PROBLEMS OF SERVICING INTERNAL ROUTES OF LIBERIA AND GUINEA.

2. LOCAL AIRLINE INDUSTRY SOURCES EQUALLY IN DARK ON JEUNE AFRIQUE ARTICLE, CLAIMING THIS IS ONE RUMOR THEY NEVER HEARD BEFORE.
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3. WITH REGARD PANAM, WRIGHT SAID ONLY GOSL CONTACTS OVER YEARS HAVE BEEN EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE PANAM TO LAND FREETOWN. THIS INTEREST IN PANAM SERVICE RECENTLY RENEWED WHEN PRESIDENT STEVENS RETURNED FROM COMMONWEALTH MEETING. STEVENS WAS MOST PLEASED WITH PANAM FLIGHT FROM NEW YORK BUT FRUSTRATED THAT HE HAD TO OVERFLY FREETOWN AND LAND MONROVIA.
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